

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 506
By Jordan

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ed "Apollo" Harlan
upon winning the Second Annual Mule Day
Chariot Races.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those
exemplary functions that contribute to the storied heritage of our state; and

WHEREAS, "Mule Day" in Columbia is one such function where Tennesseans can
express their civic pride on a national and international level; and

WHEREAS, mule trading and dealing has gone on in Columbia since 1840, and this fair
city has come to be known as the "Mule Capital of the World" by sponsoring the largest mule
day celebration in the world today; and

WHEREAS, "Mule Day" has been recognized as one of the top 20 events in the
Southeast, and has drawn visitors from all 50 states, Japan, Canada, Germany, Mexico,
England, and many other countries; and

WHEREAS, founded by Mr. Norman H. Parks, Mr. Charley Skillington and Mr. Thomas
Brown, "Mule Day" is celebrated during the first weekend in April each year and is sponsored by
the Maury County Bridle and Saddle Club; and

WHEREAS, some of the more distinguished past grand marshals include Governor
Gordon H. Browning, Billy Carter, Archie Campbell, Bill Monroe, Governor Lamar Alexander,
Governor Ned McWherter, and Governor and Mrs. Sundquist; and

WHEREAS, local revenues generated from the "Mule Day" festivities are shared with such worthy causes as the Epilepsy Foundation, Amyotrophic Day Care, the DARE Drug Program, the Shrine Burn Center, the March of Dimes, the Civil Defense, the Special Olympics, and others; and

WHEREAS, 1996 marks the second year of the Annual Mule Day Chariot Races; the races are sponsored by the Maury County Chamber of Commerce and the Maury County Convention and Visitors' Bureau; and

WHEREAS, this year, the distinguished Chariot Races "celebrity" winner was Maury County Executive, Ed "Apollo" Harlan; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to recognize "Mule Day" and the winner of the Second Annual Mule Day Chariot Races, Ed "Apollo" Harlan, for the outstanding manner in which they represent the great state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Ed "Apollo" Harlan upon winning the Second Annual "Mule Day" Chariot Races.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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